

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 30, 2009
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 460
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BILL SUMMARY: Water Management Plans

Existing law requires urban water suppliers to prepare and implement a water management plan for the efficient use of available water supplies. This bill would require urban water suppliers to include additional information in their reports and require agricultural water suppliers to prepare and adopt a specified agricultural water management plan. These plans would be submitted to an unspecified entity. Any water supplier that does not prepare, adopt and submit its plan is ineligible to receive funds from various programs administered by state agencies. The unspecified entity would be required to develop an open and transparent process for the collection and analysis of the data, create and maintain a statewide database on various water issues, assess and provide recommendations for improvements to the plan, and submit an annual report to the Legislature on or before December 31 of an unspecified year.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would have a fiscal impact on the state for the unnamed entity that would be required to receive and evaluate the plans from water suppliers, create and maintain a statewide database, and report to the Legislature. Because the bill does not name the entity, Finance cannot determine whether this is a new independent state entity, an existing state entity, or a new office, board, or commission created within an existing state entity. Without this information, Finance cannot estimate which departments or fund sources would be impacted and at what level any of the workload could be absorbed within existing resources.

COMMENTS

Finance is opposed to this bill as it does not provide a named agency to accomplish the workload, nor specify a funding source to support the workload.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	Code
8990/Pend New Org	SO	No	----- See Fiscal Summary -----						0001

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